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Bald eagles born on BASF's Fighting Island

Birth of chicks another milestone in former industrial site's environmental revitalization

WYANDOTTE, Mich., June 14, 2004 -- BASF's Fighting Island, a three-square-mile ecological habitat in the Detroit River, has undergone several projects over the past several years, including tree reforestation, wetland restoration, and vegetation planting. Now, the island is home for two adult bald eagles and their two recently hatched chicks.

Since last fall, BASF employees have quietly watched as the pair of eagles built a nest measuring five feet in diameter in a tall tree at the northern end of the island. Once hatched, the employees were quick to name the birds "Ed" and "Fred" after BASF's Wyandotte site manager Ed Nuernberg and Fighting Island facility manager Fred De Lisle.

The newborn birds are thought to be the first bald eagles born on Fighting Island in decades, which is part of the International Wildlife Refuge established in 2001 as a result of legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. John Dingell.

"The eagles left this winter for a couple of weeks, and we were worried that they might have built a nest somewhere else. But, when the ice started moving out, the eagles returned," said De Lisle. "The nests become larger as the eagles return to breed and add new nesting materials year after year, so we are hopeful these chicks will not be the last to be born on Fighting Island."

Fighting Island, once an industrial site located offshore from LaSalle, Ontario, has been revitalized as a nature habitat by BASF. The now lush, habitable environment is home to a variety of wild animals, including deer, coyote, pheasant and hawks.

The Fighting Island rehabilitation effort, which started in the mid-1980s, represents an extensive investment by BASF ranging from improving the organic composition of the soil to planting approximately 140,000 trees.

Approximately 780 people are employed at BASF's Wyandotte site, which produces a variety of urethane and specialty plastics products for the automotive, industrial, and electronic industries.

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